

Appl. No. 09/905,804
Atty. Docket No. 8638
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet for an absorbent article that is to be placed in contact with a wearer's hydrous body tissues, said topsheet comprising a non-absorbent, moderately hydrophilic to substantially hydrophobic material having an extensibility in at least one direction of greater than or equal to about 30% under a force of 50 grams, said topsheet undergoing a caliper change of greater than or equal to about 30% when tested according to the Thickness Change Test.
2. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1 having a critical surface tension of less than or equal to about 45.
3. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet according to Claim 1 which is three-dimensionally shaped.
4. (Original) A body tissue-contacting topsheet according to Claim 1 which has a body-contacting surface, said body-contacting surface having areas of varying height, and a plane can be placed adjacent the highest points of the body-contacting surface, said topsheet having a depth, wherein the amount of surface area of said topsheet that lies above a plane that passes through said topsheet at a depth of 300 microns below the plane that passes through the highest points of the body-contacting surface is less than or equal to about 15% of the surface area of the topsheet as defined by the Bearing Ratio.
5. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 3 in which the amount of surface area that lies above a plane that passes through said topsheet at a depth of 400 microns is less than or equal to about 40%.
6. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 3 which comprises a nonwoven web having at least one irregular surface structure.
7. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 4 comprising a mechanically altered nonwoven web.
8. (Original) The body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 5 comprising a nonwoven web having a plurality of corrugations loosely formed therein.

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9. (Original) An absorbent device insertable into the interlabial space of a female wearer comprising the body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1.
 10. (Original) The absorbent device of Claim 7 further comprising an acquisition zone with at least one aperture therein.
 11. (Original) A tampon comprising the body tissue-contacting topsheet of Claim 1.
 12. (Cancelled)
 13. (Cancelled)
 14. (Cancelled)
 15. (Cancelled)
 16. (Cancelled)
 17. (Cancelled)
 18. (Cancelled)
 19. (Cancelled)
 20. (Cancelled)
 21. (Currently amended) A body-contacting topsheet for an article that is to be placed in contact with a wearer's body, said topsheet comprising a web having a body-contacting surface and an opposed underside, said topsheet having a plurality of ridges and valleys therein, and a substance for maintaining said topsheet in contact with a wearer's body located on at least some of said ridges on said body-contacting surface of said topsheet, wherein said ~~ridges~~ valleys are substantially devoid of said substance.
 22. (Original) A body-contacting topsheet according to Claim 21 which is extensible.
- Claims 23-65 (Cancelled)